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Report of the First Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled:

"Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session:

"(a) Report of the Disarmament Comission;

"(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

"(c) Status of multilateral disarmament agreements;

"(d) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

"(e) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

"(f) Disarmament Week;

"(g) Implementation of the guidelines for appropriate types of confidence-building measures;

"(h) Comprehensive programme of disarmament;

"(i) Transfer of high technology with military applications"

was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolutions 36/92 H of 9 December 1981, 38/183 O of 20 December 1983, 39/148 H of 17 December 1984, 44/119 G of 15 December 1989, 45/62 F and G of 4 December 1990 and 46/38 A to D of 6 December 1991.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 October 1992, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on all disarmament and international security items allocated to it, namely, items 49 to 65, 68 and 142; and 67 and 69. The deliberations on those items took place between the 3rd and 21st meetings, from 12 to 28 October (see A/C.1/47/PV.3-21). Consideration of draft resolutions on those items took place between the 22nd and 30th meetings, from 29 October to 11 November (see A/C.1/47/PV.22-30). Action on draft resolutions on those items took place between the 31st and 40th meetings, from 12 to 25 November (see A/C.1/47/PV.31-40).

4. In connection with item 63, the First Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Conference on Disarmament; 1/

(b) Report of the Disarmament Commission; 2/

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on Disarmament Week (A/47/321);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters (A/47/354);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on transfer of high technology with military applications (A/47/371 and Add.1 and 2);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the guidelines for appropriate types of confidence-building measures (A/47/417);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of multilateral disarmament agreements (A/47/470 and Corr.1);

(h) Note by the Secretary-General on the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters: United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (A/47/345);

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/47/27).

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 42 (A/47/42).

(i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research entitled "Economic aspects of disarmament: disarmament as an investment process" (A/47/346);

(j) Letter dated 28 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/77-S/23486 and Corr.1);

(k) Letter dated 29 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/79-S/23494);

(l) Letter dated 4 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/85);

(m) Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, on the occasion of Disarmament Week, 27 October 1992, entitled "New dimensions of arms regulation and disarmament in the post-cold war era" (A/C.1/47/7).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.4 and proposed amendments contained in document A/C.1/47/L.48

5. On 27 October, Brazil, Cameroon, Egypt, Finland, Hungary, India, Malaysia, Nepal, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Peru, Romania, Sweden and Uruguay submitted a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Disarmament Commission" (A/C.1/47/L.4), which was later also sponsored by Armenia. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Having considered the annual report of the Disarmament Commission, 3/

"Considering the role that the Disarmament Commission has been called upon to play and the contribution that it should make in examining and submitting recommendations on various problems in the field of disarmament and in the promotion of the implementation of the relevant decisions of the tenth special session,

"Recalling its resolution 46/38 A of 6 December 1991,

"1. Takes note of the annual report of the Disarmament Commission; 3/

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 42 (A/47/42).

"2. Commends the Disarmament Commission for its adoption by consensus of a set of guidelines and recommendations for objective information on military matters, which were recommended to the General Assembly for consideration, pursuant to the adopted 'Ways and means to enhance the functioning of the Disarmament Commission'; 4/

"3. Notes with satisfaction that the Disarmament Commission has successfully implemented its reform programme and has made considerable progress on other substantive items on its agenda;

"4. Recalls the role of the Disarmament Commission as the specialized, deliberative body within the United Nations multilateral disarmament machinery that allows for in-depth deliberations on specific disarmament issues, leading to the submission of concrete recommendations on those issues;

"5. Requests the Disarmament Commission to continue its work in accordance with its mandate, as set forth in paragraph 118 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, 5/ and with paragraph 3 of resolution 37/78 H of 9 December 1982, and to that end to make every effort to achieve specific recommendations on the items on its agenda, taking into account the adopted 'Ways and means to enhance the functioning of the Disarmament Commission';

"6. Stresses the importance for the Disarmament Commission to work on the basis of a relevant agenda of disarmament topics, thereby enabling the Commission to concentrate its efforts and thus optimize its progress on specific subjects in accordance with resolution 37/78 H;

"7. Recommends that the Disarmament Commission, at its 1992 organizational session, adopt the following items for consideration at its 1993 substantive session:

"(1) [To be decided];

"(2) Process of nuclear disarmament in the framework of international peace and security, with the objective of the elimination of nuclear weapons;

"(3) Regional approach to disarmament within the context of global security;

"(4) The role of science and technology in the context of international security, disarmament and other related fields;

4/ A/CN.10/137 of 27 April 1990.

5/ Resolution S-10/2.

"8. Also requests the Disarmament Commission to meet for a period not exceeding four weeks during 1993 and to submit a substantive report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

"9. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Disarmament Commission the annual report of the Conference on Disarmament, 6/ together with all the official records of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly relating to disarmament matters, and to render all assistance that the Commission may require for implementing the present resolution;

"10. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure full provision to the Commission and its subsidiary bodies of interpretation and translation facilities in the official languages, and to assign, as a matter of priority, all the necessary resources and services to this end;

"11. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled 'Report of the Disarmament Commission'."

6. On 13 November, Australia, Austria, Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Indonesia, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, the Philippines and Spain submitted amendments to draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.4 (A/C.1/47/L.48), which was later also sponsored by Bulgaria, Ireland, Mauritius, Mongolia, Nicaragua and Portugal.

7. At the 37th meeting, on 20 November, the representative of Canada orally revised the amendments (A/C.1/47/L.48), as follows:

(a) New third, fourth and fifth preambular paragraphs were added, which read as follows:

"Noting the support for the proposal to include a new item in the agenda of the 1993 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission, entitled 'General guidelines for non-proliferation, with special emphasis on weapons of mass destruction',

"Noting the support for consideration of the inclusion of a new item in the agenda of the 1994 susbstantive session of the Disarmament Commission, entitled 'International arms transfer, with particular reference to resolution 46/36 H of 6 December 1991',

"Recognizing the need to further improve the effective functioning of the United Nations Disarmament Commission, and bearing in mind the experience of the 1992 substantive session when the agenda item on objective information on military matters was successfully concluded,";

6/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/47/27).

(b) In the amended operative paragraph 7, subparagraph (4), which had read:

"(4) General guidelines for non-proliferation, with special emphasis on weapons of mass destruction",

was deleted;

(c) The new operative paragraph 8, which had read:

"8. Recommends that the Disarmament Commission, at its 1993 organizational session, consider including the issue of international arms transfer, with particular reference to resolution 46/36 H of 6 December 1991, in the agenda of its substantive session in 1994",

was revised to read as follows:

"8. Requests that the Disarmament Commission, at the aforementioned organizational meeting, consider the following matters:

"(1) The objective of moving the agenda of the Disarmament Commission to a three-item phased approach with one item in the first year of consideration, one item in its middle year and one item in its concluding year, with the result that, in principle, one item is added and one item is concluded, respectively, at each substantive session;

"(2) That, in furtherance of the foregoing, the 1993 substantive session should be considered as a transitional year and therefore should consider whether:

"(i) Two items on the current agenda, namely those items referred to in operative paragraph 7 (2) and (3) respectively, should be concluded;

"(ii) One item, namely, that referred to in operative paragraph 7 (1), should be held over for conclusion at the next substantive session in 1994; and

"(iii) One new item should be included in the substantive agenda";

(d) The new operative paragraph 9, which had read:

"9. Also recommends that the Disarmament Commission, at its 1993 substantive session, endeavour to conclude its consideration of items 2 and 3 and that the consideration of item 1 be prolonged with a view to its conclusion in 1994",

was deleted, and the subsequent paragraphs were renumbered accordingly.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the amendments (A/C.1/47/L.48), as orally revised, without a vote.

9. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.4, as amended by document A/C.1/47/L.48, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 27, draft resolution A).

10. Subsequently, in a letter dated 20 November 1992 addressed to the Secretary of the Committee, the delegation of India withdrew its sponsorship of draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.4.

B. Draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.8

11. On 27 October, Austria, Brazil, Cameroon, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Malaysia, Nepal, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Peru, Romania, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay submitted a draft resolution entitled "Guidelines and recommendations for objective information on military matters" (A/C.1/47/L.8), which was later also sponsored by Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland and Japan. The draft resolution was introduced by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland at the 30th meeting, on 11 November.

12. At its 31st meeting, on 12 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.8 without a vote (see para. 27, draft resolution B).

C. Draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.15 and Rev.1

13. The draft resolution was included in the report of the First Committee under agenda item 51, entitled "Science and Technology for Disarmament" (see A/47/681).

D. Draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.16

14. On 28 October, Afghanistan, Belarus, Canada, China, Costa Rica, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Viet Nam submitted a draft resolution entitled "Disarmament Week" (A/C.1/47/L.16), which was introduced by the representative of Mongolia at the 23rd meeting, on 2 November.

15. At its 31st meeting, on 12 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.16 without a vote (see para. 27, draft resolution C).

E. Draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.22

16. On 30 October, Argentina, Australia, Austria, the Bahamas, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Nepal, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Spain, Sweden, Togo, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America submitted a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the guidelines for appropriate types of confidence-building measures" (A/C.1/47/L.22), which was later also sponsored by Bolivia, Burundi, Ethiopia, Iceland, the Republic of Moldova and Samoa. The draft resolution was introduced by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland at the 27th meeting, on 9 November.

17. At its 32nd meeting, on 12 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.22 without a vote (see para. 27, draft resolution D).

F. Draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.28 and Rev.1

18. On 30 October, Belgium, in its capacity as President of the Conference on Disarmament, submitted a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Conference on Disarmament" (A/C.1/47/L.28), which was introduced by its representative at the 28th meeting, on 10 November.

19. On 6 November, the sponsor submitted a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/47/L.28/Rev.1), which contained the following change: at the end of operative paragraph 2, the words "of its agenda" were revised to read "on its agenda".

20. At its 31st meeting, on 12 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.28/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 27, draft resolution E).

G. Draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.30

21. On 30 October, Austria, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nepal, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Spain and Sri Lanka submitted a draft resolution entitled "United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research" (A/C.1/47/L.30), which was later also sponsored by Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Canada and Singapore. The draft resolution was introduced by the representative of France at the 26th meeting, on 5 November.

22. At its 31st meeting, on 12 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.30 by a recorded vote of 132 to none, with 3 abstentions (see para. 27, draft resolution F). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Israel, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America.

H. Draft decision A/C.1/47/L.53

23. On 20 November, the Chairman of the First Committee submitted a draft decision, entitled "Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session" (A/C.1/47/L.53), which he introduced at the 40th meeting, on 25 November.

24. At the same meeting, draft decision A/C.1/47/L.53 was orally revised by the Chairman as follows:

(a) At the end of subparagraph (b), the words "and also to request:" were deleted;

(b) At the beginning of subparagraphs (b) (i) and (ii), which became subparagraphs (c) and (d), the words "To request" were added.

25. In connection with the draft decision, the Secretary-General submitted a statement on its programme budget implications (A/C.1/47/L.55).

26. At its 40th meeting, on 25 November, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.1/47/L.53, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 28, draft decision).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

27. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session

A

Report of the Disarmament Commission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the annual report of the Disarmament Commission, 7/

Considering the role that the Disarmament Commission has been called upon to play and the contribution that it should make in examining and submitting recommendations on various problems in the field of disarmament and in the promotion of the implementation of the relevant decisions of the tenth special session,

Noting the support for the proposal to include a new item in the agenda of the 1993 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission, entitled "General guidelines for non-proliferation, with special emphasis on weapons of mass destruction",

Noting the support for consideration of the inclusion of a new item in the agenda of the 1994 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission, entitled "International arms transfer, with particular reference to resolution 46/36 H of 6 December 1991",

Recognizing the need to improve further the effective functioning of the United Nations Disarmament Commission and, bearing in mind the experience of the 1992 substantive session, when the agenda item on objective information on military matters was successfully concluded,

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7/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 42 (A/47/42).

Recalling its resolution 46/38 A of 6 December 1991,

1. Takes note of the annual report of the Disarmament Commission; 7/

2. Commends the Disarmament Commission for its adoption by consensus of a set of guidelines and recommendations for objective information on military matters, which were recommended to the General Assembly for consideration, pursuant to the adopted "Ways and means to enhance the functioning of the Disarmament Commission"; 8/

3. Notes with satisfaction that the Disarmament Commission has successfully implemented its reform programme and has made considerable progress on other substantive items on its agenda;

4. Recalls the role of the Disarmament Commission as the specialized, deliberative body within the United Nations multilateral disarmament machinery that allows for in-depth deliberations on specific disarmament issues, leading to the submission of concrete recommendations on those issues;

5. Requests the Disarmament Commission to continue its work in accordance with its mandate, as set forth in paragraph 118 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, 9/ and with paragraph 3 of resolution 37/78 H of 9 December 1982, and to that end to make every effort to achieve specific recommendations on the items on its agenda, taking into account the adopted "Ways and means to enhance the functioning of the Disarmament Commission";

6. Stresses the importance for the Disarmament Commission to work on the basis of a relevant agenda of disarmament topics, thereby enabling the Commission to concentrate its efforts and thus optimize its progress on specific subjects in accordance with resolution 37/78 H;

7. Recommends that the Disarmament Commission, at its 1992 organizational session, adopt the following items for consideration at its 1993 substantive session:

(1) Process of nuclear disarmament in the framework of international peace and security, with the objective of the elimination of nuclear weapons;

(2) Regional approach to disarmament within the context of global security;

(3) The role of science and technology in the context of international security, disarmament and other related fields;

8/ A/CN.10/137 of 27 April 1990.

9/ *Resolution S-10/2.*

8. Requests that the Disarmament Commission, at the aforementioned organizational meeting, consider the following matters:

(a) The objective of moving the agenda of the Disarmament Commission to a three-item phased approach with one item in the first year of consideration, one item in its middle year and one item in its concluding year, with the result that, in principle, one item is added and one item is concluded, respectively, at each substantive session;

(b) That, in furtherance of the foregoing, the 1993 substantive session should be considered as a transitional year and therefore should consider whether:

(i) Two items on the current agenda, namely, those items referred to in paragraph 7 (2) and (3), respectively, should be concluded;

(ii) One item, namely, that referred to in paragraph 7 (1), should be held over for conclusion at the next substantive session in 1994;

(iii) One new item should be included in the substantive agenda;

9. Also requests the Disarmament Commission to meet for a period not exceeding four weeks during 1993 and to submit a substantive report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Disarmament Commission the annual report of the Conference on Disarmament, 10/ together with all the official records of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly relating to disarmament matters, and to render all assistance that the Commission may require for implementing the present resolution;

11. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure full provision to the Commission and its subsidiary bodies of interpretation and translation facilities in the official languages, and to assign, as a matter of priority, all the necessary resources and services to that end;

12. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Report of the Disarmament Commission".

10/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/47/27).

B

Guidelines and recommendations for objective information on military matters

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 43/75 G of 7 December 1988 and 44/116 E of 15 December 1989,

Taking note of the report of the Disarmament Commission, 7/ containing the text, adopted by the Commission at its 1992 session, of the guidelines and recommendations for objective information on military matters, 11/

Expressing its appreciation for the work accomplished by the Disarmament Commission in finalizing the text of the guidelines and recommendations,

Reaffirming its firm conviction that a better flow of objective information on military matters can help to relieve international tension and contribute to the building of confidence among States on a global, regional or subregional level and to the conclusion of concrete disarmament agreements,

Appealing to all States to consider the widest possible use of objective information on military matters,

Noting with satisfaction the encouraging results of specific measures agreed upon and implemented in certain regions,

1. Endorses the guidelines and recommendations for objective information on military matters as adopted by the Disarmament Commission at its 1992 substantive session;

2. Recommends the guidelines and recommendations to all States for implementation, fully taking into account specific political, military and other conditions prevailing in a region, on the basis of initiatives and with the agreement of the States of the region concerned;

3. Invites all States to provide relevant information to the Secretary-General regarding their implementation of the guidelines and recommendations not later than 31 May 1994;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the guidelines and recommendations, on the basis of national reports on accumulated relevant experience, to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

11/ Ibid., Supplement No. 42 (A/47/42), annex I.

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session an item entitled "Implementation of the guidelines and recommendations for objective information on military matters".

C

Disarmament Week

The General Assembly,

Noting the momentous developments of unprecedented magnitude that have taken place in international relations recently, and welcoming the important achievements of late in the areas of arms limitation and disarmament,

Noting with satisfaction the increasing role and prestige of the United Nations as a focal point for coordinating and harmonizing the efforts of States,

Emphasizing anew the need for and the importance of world public opinion in support of disarmament efforts in all their aspects,

Further noting with satisfaction the broad and active support by Governments and international and national organizations of the decision taken by the General Assembly at its tenth special session, the first special session devoted to disarmament, regarding the proclamation of the week starting 24 October, the day of the founding of the United Nations, as a week devoted to fostering the objectives of disarmament, 12/

Recalling the recommendations concerning the World Disarmament Campaign contained in annex V to the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly, the second special session devoted to disarmament, in particular the recommendation that Disarmament Week should continue to be widely observed, 13/

Noting the support for the further observance of Disarmament Week expressed by Member States at the fifteenth special session of the General Assembly, the third special session devoted to disarmament,

Recognizing the significance of the annual observance of Disarmament Week, including by the United Nations,

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12/ Resolution S-10/2, para. 102.

13/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Special Session, Annexes, agenda items 9-13, document A/S-12/32, annex V, para. 12.

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up measures undertaken by States, Governments and non-governmental organizations in holding Disarmament Week; 14/

2. Commends all States, international and national governmental and non-governmental organizations for their active support for and participation in Disarmament Week;

3. Invites all States that so desire, in carrying out appropriate measures at the local level on the occasion of Disarmament Week, to take into account the elements of the model programme for Disarmament Week prepared by the Secretary-General;

4. Invites Governments and international and national non-governmental organizations to continue to take an active part in Disarmament Week and to inform the Secretary-General of the activities undertaken;

5. Invites the Secretary-General to continue to use the United Nations information organs as widely as possible to promote better understanding among the world public of disarmament problems and the objectives of Disarmament Week;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session, the year of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations, the item entitled "Disarmament Week".

D

Implementation of the guidelines for appropriate types of confidence-building measures

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/62 F, adopted without a vote on 4 December 1990,

Reconfirming its support for the guidelines for appropriate types of confidence-building measures and for the implementation of such measures on a global or regional level as endorsed in resolution 43/78 H, adopted without a vote on 7 December 1988,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on experience reported by Member States with the implementation of confidence-building measures, 15/

14/ A/47/321.

15/ A/47/417.

Noting with satisfaction the encouraging results of specific confidence-building measures agreed upon and implemented in some regions and, in particular, of measures creating confidence by contributing to disarmament and arms control and by promoting constraint in the military field,

Realizing with deep concern that at the same time tensions in other regions rise and that in some places violent armed conflicts have erupted,

Considering that confidence-building measures, especially when applied in a comprehensive manner, can be conducive to achieving structures of security based on cooperation and openness and thus contribute to the wider objective of the renunciation of the threat or use of force,

Welcoming recent progress in the promotion of transparency in the military field as a cornerstone for confidence-building through the finalization in the Disarmament Commission at its last session of its work on the agenda item entitled "Objective information on military matters" and through the inclusion of the item entitled "Transparency in armaments" in the agenda of the Conference on Disarmament,

Bearing in mind that confidence-building measures pursued at the regional level can contribute to the development of global security,

Pointing to the ongoing elaboration and implementation of confidence- and security-building measures within the framework of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe with a view to building on the foundations already laid for cooperative security in Europe,

Aware that there are situations peculiar to specific regions that have a bearing on the nature of the confidence-building measures feasible in those regions,

1. Stresses the need for the development of confidence-building measures as a concrete and continuous process to help to prevent the use of armed force as a means of resolving political conflicts;

2. Recommends the guidelines to all States for implementation, taking fully into account the specific political, military and other conditions prevailing in a region, on the basis of initiatives and with the agreement and cooperation of the States of the region concerned;

3. Also recommends to all States and regions that have started to implement confidence-building measures to pursue further and strengthen this process;

4. Appeals to all States to consider the widest possible use of confidence-building measures in their international relations, including bilateral, regional and global negotiations, as an important step towards prevention of conflict and, in times of political tension and crisis, as an instrument for peaceful settlement of conflicts;

5. Requests the Conference on Disarmament to pursue actively its work on the agenda item entitled "Transparency in armaments", which includes consideration and elaboration of universal and non-discriminatory practical means to increase openness and transparency in military matters;

6. Invites the Secretary-General to continue to collect relevant information from all Member States;

7. Appeals to all Member States that have not yet done so to make their contribution to the report of the Secretary-General;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda for its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Implementation of the guidelines for appropriate types of confidence-building measures".

E

Report of the Conference on Disarmament

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Conference on Disarmament, 10/

Convinced that the Conference on Disarmament, as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum of the international community, has the primary role in substantive negotiations on priority questions of disarmament,

Considering, in this respect, that the present international climate should give additional impetus to multilateral negotiations with the aim of reaching concrete agreements,

Welcoming the conclusion of negotiations at the Conference on Disarmament on the draft Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, 16/ which has reaffirmed the need for and the importance of the Conference as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum of the international community,

Noting with satisfaction the results achieved so far on the subject of the improved and effective functioning of the Conference on Disarmament, including the decision to carry out consultations on the issues of the membership and agenda of the Conference, and the decision of the Conference, to continue the process at its 1993 session,

1. Reaffirms the role of the Conference on Disarmament as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum of the international community;

16/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/47/27), appendix I.

2. Welcomes the determination of the Conference on Disarmament to fulfil that role in the light of the evolving international situation with a view to making early substantive progress on priority items of its agenda;

3. Encourages the ongoing review of the agenda, membership and methods of work of the Conference on Disarmament;

4. Requests the Conference on Disarmament to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Report of the Conference on Disarmament".

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United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/83 M of 11 December 1979, in which it requested the Secretary-General to establish the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research on the basis of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General, 17/

Reaffirming its resolution 39/148 H of 17 December 1984, in which it approved the Statute of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, renewed the invitations to Governments to consider making voluntary contributions to the Institute and requested the Secretary-General to continue to give the Institute administrative and other support,

Recalling also its resolution 42/42 J of 30 November 1987, in which it took note with appreciation of the report of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies 18/ and noted that the establishment of the Institute offered new opportunities regarding research in the field of disarmament,

Recalling further its resolution 45/62 G of 4 December 1990, in which it requested the Institute to prepare, with the assistance of independent experts, a research report on the economic aspects of disarmament and to report to the General Assembly, through the Secretary-General, at its forty-seventh session,

Reaffirming the need for the international community to have access to independent and in-depth research on disarmament, in particular on emerging problems and the foreseeable consequences of disarmament,

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17/ A/34/589.

18/ A/42/300, annex.

Noting in this regard the importance of research on the economic aspects of disarmament,

Having considered the annual report of the Director of the Institute 19/ and the report of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters 20/ acting in its capacity as Board of Trustees of the Institute,

1. Welcomes the research report of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research entitled "Economic aspects of disarmament: disarmament as an investment process", 21/ as transmitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly;

2. Commends the report to the attention of Member States and encourages them to give active consideration, in particular, to the economic principles for disarmament contained in the executive summary of the report;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to give the report the widest possible circulation.

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28. The First Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, decides:

(a) To reconvene meetings of the First Committee for five working days, from 8 to 12 March 1993 in New York, with the purpose of reassessing the multilateral arms control and disarmament machinery, in particular the respective roles of the First Committee, the United Nations Disarmament Commission and the Conference on Disarmament and their interrelationship, as well as the role of the Office for Disarmament Affairs, including ways and means to enhance the functioning and efficiency of the said machinery, bearing in mind the competence of the Security Council in those matters. The aim of

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19/ A/47/345, annex I.

20/ Ibid., annex II.

21/ A/47/346, annex.

the session is to conduct the aforementioned reassessment with a view to reaching concrete, agreed recommendations for appropriate action. With respect to the Conference on Disarmament, it is understood that the primary responsibility for making recommendations on its future rests with that body;

(b) To invite Member States to provide their views on the report of the Secretary-General entitled "New dimensions of arms regulation and disarmament in the post-cold war era" 22/ no later than 31 January 1993, and to request the Secretary-General to submit a compilation of the said views thereon to the General Assembly for consideration at the reconvened meetings of the First Committee;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to transmit his report, entitled "New dimensions of arms regulation and disarmament in the post-cold war era", 22/ to the Conference on Disarmament; and the Conference on Disarmament to transmit to the Chairman of the First Committee the results of its consideration of that report by 15 February 1993, as well as the status of its ongoing review of its agenda, composition and methods of work by 20 February 1993;

(d) To request the Chairman of the First Committee, with the assistance of the other officers of the Committee, and the Secretariat, to coordinate the above actions.

22/ A/C.1/47/7.